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SUBJECT: GUATEMALAN DELEGATION TO THE THIRD CICTE CONFERENCE

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¶1. Poloff delivered reftel points to Sylvia Corado, Director of Multilateral Affairs for the Foreign Ministry. The Guatemalan delegation will be headed by Vice Minister Gabriel Aguilera of the Foreign Ministry and will include Vice Minister of Interior Alfredo Caseres, Colonel Francisco Permudes of the Ministry of Defense, Inter-Institutional Coordinator for Security (and former General) Miguel Calderon, Corado herself, and a representative from the Guatemalan Embassy in San Salvador, most likely the Ambassador. Comment: Corado participated in an International Visitor's Program titled "Anti-Terrorism and Democracy" in August of 2002. End Comment.

¶2. Corado said that Guatemala would not be able to ratify the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism at the conference, but that the GOG is continuing to work toward ratification. Corado strove to convey that the GOG is serious about implementing recommendations that came out of the last CICTE conference. Corado was pleased to hear the U.S. intends to announce a substantial voluntary contribution, but expressed doubts about the GOG's ability to provide financial support. Corado also said that Guatemala was not planning on requesting any bilateral meetings with U.S. officials at the CICTE.

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